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Subject: Amended Regulations for Commission's Role in Route Adoptions and New Public Road Connections

The California Department of Transportation (Department) and the California Transportation Commission (Commission) have closed their rulemaking record on amendments to Title 21, Division 2, Chapter 11 of the California Code of Regulations. This rulemaking amends the Department's environmental regulations. The amendments clarify the role of the Commission in cases where the Department or another public agency is the lead agency for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Prior to these amendments, the regulations had stated that the Commission was a CEQA lead agency for purposes of adopting or rescinding route adoptions or new public road connections. The amendments clarify that the Commission's role in these actions is that of a responsible agency under CEQA.

The amendments went into effect September 4, 2004. The text of the amended regulations, the notice of proposed rulemaking, and the initial and final statement of reasons are posted at  
[http://www.dot.ca.gov/scr/downloads/rulemaking/2004\\_DEA\\_rulemaking.pdf](http://www.dot.ca.gov/scr/downloads/rulemaking/2004_DEA_rulemaking.pdf).

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